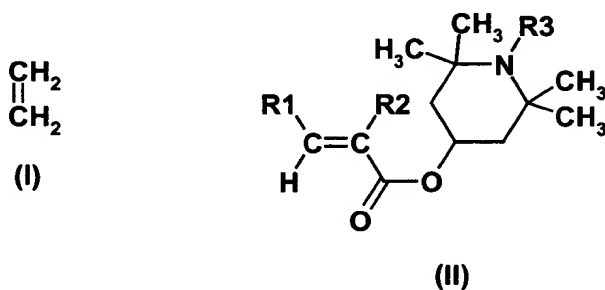


## Amendments To The Claims

1. (Currently Amended) Synergistic stabilizer composition for thermoplastic polymers comprising

- a) a random copolymer of ethylene (I) and hindered amine moieties containing acrylates/ methacrylates (II)



and

- b) at least one light stabilizing compound based on sterically hindered amines (HAS) and/or UV absorbers,

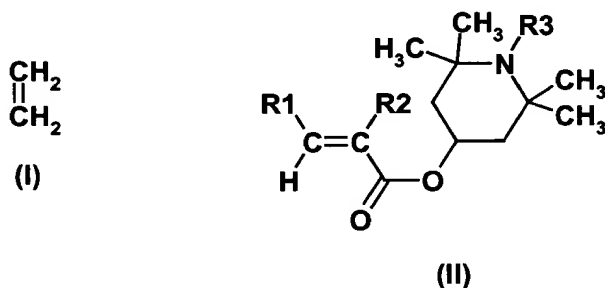
wherein

R1 and R2 are each an independent hydrogen atom or a methyl group,  
 R3 is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy group,  
 the ratio of component (II) to the sum of components (I) and (II) is less than 2 mol-%, and  
 the weight ratio of component a) to component b) is from 100:1 to 3:1.

2. (Currently Amended) A stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R1, R2 and ~~R3~~ are hydrogen.

3. (Currently Amended) Synergistic stabilizer composition for thermoplastic polymers comprising

- a) a random copolymer of ethylene (I) and hindered amine moieties containing acrylates/ methacrylates (II)



and

- b) at least one light stabilizing compound based on sterically hindered amines (HAS) and/or UV absorbers, A stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the at least one light stabilizing compound b) is propanedioic acid, [(4-methoxyphenyl)-methylene]-,bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidiny)ester (III)

wherein

R1 and R2 are each an independent hydrogen atom or a methyl group,

R3 is a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl or a C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy group,

the ratio of component (II) to the sum of components (I) and (II) is less than 2 mol-%, and

the weight ratio of component a) to component b) is from 100:1 to 3:1.

4. (Original) A stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratio

of component a) to component b) is from 20:1 to 5:1.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of use of~~thermoplastic polymer comprising a stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the stabilizer composition is present in an amount of 0.5 to 20 % by weight, based on the polymer, ~~is incorporated into a thermoplastic polymer.~~
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of use of a stabilizer composition~~The thermoplastic polymer as claimed in claim 4-5, wherein the stabilizer composition is present in an amount of 1.0 to 10 % by weight, based on the polymer, ~~is incorporated into a thermoplastic polymer.~~
7. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of use~~The thermoplastic polymer as claimed in claim 5, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyolefin.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of use~~The thermoplastic polymer as claimed in claim 5 wherein the thermoplastic polymer is an agricultural film made of polyolefins and which has been pretreated or is in contact with pesticides.
9. (Original) A process of stabilizing thermoplastic polymers comprising incorporating therein before or during processing a stabilizing quantity of the stabilizer composition according to claim 1.
10. (Original) A process according to claim 9 wherein the stabilizer composition is added in an amount of 0.5 to 20 % by weight, based on the thermoplastic polymer.
11. (Original) A process of stabilizing agricultural films made of polyolefins and pretreated or in contact with pesticides by incorporating a stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1.

12. (New) A stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the light stabilizing compound b) is propanedioic acid,[(4-methoxyphenyl)-methylene]-,bis(1,2,2,6,6-pentamethyl-4-piperidiny)ester (III).
13. (New) A thermoplastic polymer comprising a stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 3.
14. (New) A process of stabilizing agricultural films made of polyolefins and pretreated or in contact with pesticides by incorporating a stabilizer composition as claimed in claim 3.